to say * Then Sir Charles spoke of his condemnation, saving that he was clear of any intent of violence to be offered to her Majesty's person or his country, which he e\er held most dear Then he paused a while as not knowing what to say next, which he did divers times, and then began again to speak of his salvation in Jesus Christ When he had so spoken for some time the Sheriff commanded him to be short, having used the like words divers times before, and the time was far spent So he took leave of his fnends, and having put off his gown and doublet in most cheerful manner, rather like a bridegroom than a prisoner appointed for death, prayed very devoutly kneeling beiore the block His prayer ended, upon the sudden, as if he had flown, he threw has neck upon the block and, whilst he there held it, seemed to smile His head was cut off with one stroke saving a little which an officer cut off with his knife

His head and body being drawn aside and covered over with straw and all signs of any execution clean removed, Sir Christopher Blount ascended the scaffold, who above an hour past had been brought from the Gate house in Westminster and was privately kept in a house near the Tower hill until Sir Charles was executed , but he knew not so much And understanding that Lord Grey and Sir Walter Ralegh were near, he made a speech unto them saying that when the Earl of Essex was in Ireland he had the consent of his fnends to return to Engknd with 3,000 of his best soldiers and chief leaders, and by them to have made his way to the Queen to have redressed all his wrongs. From which, said Sir Christopher, he only dissuaded him as a course too bloody and wished him to go peaceably and speedily only with two or three of his fnends and kneel

before the Queen.
When he had asked forgiveness of God and the Queen, and of
the Lord Grey and Sir Walter Ralegh, and of all others, he
desired the world to witness he died a Catholic. Then he
prayed kneeling , which done he fitted his neck to the block and
received the stroke of death

March. THE EARL OF ESSEX'S SON
The son of the late Earl of Essex that was by commandment
committed to the charge of the Dean of Windsor is now again
to be sent back to the College of Eton